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# Friends of the Earth

The Honorable Charles Terreni  
Chief Clerk/Administrator  
Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
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RE: Docket 2008-196-E

Dear Mr. Terreni,

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As the South Carolina Public Service Commission is aware, South Carolina Electric & Gas (SCE&G) filed an application with the PSC on June 2, 2008 requesting that cost of construction of new nuclear units at the V.C. Summer Nuclear Station be passed to rate payers.

As part of the SCE&G application, the company also submitted a "petition for an order permitting commencement of construction activities" at the same time. In its petition, SCE&G has requested that the PSC issue an order allowing the company to "conduct initial clearing, excavation and construction work" at the site of two new proposed AP1000 nuclear reactors. This order is being sought far in advance of any ruling on the June 2 application for "Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Convenience and Necessity and for a Base Load Review Order for the Construction and Operation of a Nuclear Facility in Jenkinsville, South Carolina."

Given the importance to the rate payers and the public of this process involving costly new nuclear reactors, I request that notice and opportunity to be heard be provided for any potential parties with interest in the SCE&G construction petition. As rate payers within the SCE&G service area would be impacted by any PSC decision on the petition, this matter may well merit more attention than merely a decision without a hearing or other process for public participation.

Section 58-33-110(7) of the Code of Laws of South Carolina clearly does not stipulate that the PSC grant permission "to proceed with initial clearing, excavation, dredging and construction" without a hearing, as requested by SCE&G.

I am submitting this letter on behalf of Friends of the Earth members in the SCE&G service area. I respectfully request that the PSC make no determination on the SCE&G construction petition until such time as this request be reviewed and a response to it be provided to me, with posting of the response on the PSC website.

Sincerely,

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